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Dancers stage a Thriller for theatre

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Dancers from Peacock School of Dance performed choreography to Michael Jackson's song Smooth Criminal at Hollywood North Party on the Patio Saturday night at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. The event was organized to raise money for construction of the Greater Fort Erie Centre for the Arts. See page 2 for the full story.

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Organizers say Hollywood North Party on the Patio was a success

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

With good food, friends and plenty of live music, Hollywood North Party on the Patio Fundraiser was an evening that won't be forgotten soon.

The Fort Erie Leisureplex was unrecognizable to the hundreds of people that filled the arena for the event Saturday night.

As guests entered the building, they were surrounded by lavish garden and lighting displays that were made possible thanks to the generosity of volunteers and local businesses that donated their time, energy and materials to transform the building for the evening.

The all-out bash, organized by councillors Marina Butler, Kim Zanko and Stephen Passero, was held as part of the ongoing efforts to raise \$2 million toward the construc-

tion of the Greater Fort Erie Centre for the Arts.

The event's organizers said the evening was a complete success.

"I was so pleased to see the community come together and stand behind the (theatre)," Zanko said.

"When I looked around the room I was humbled by the amount of people I saw. It was also an opportunity to showcase all of the talent we have here in Fort Erie."

Approximately 520 people purchased VIP tickets, which included hors d'oeuvres prepared by Fort Erie Secondary School's culinary students and a barbecue dinner prepared by PigOut Catering. After dinner, the event was opened to the community for more live music and entertainment.

Inside Edition's Senior Correspondent Les Trent emceed the event, which featured performances from

Peacock School of Dance, Carina Frammartino, Pappy Johns Band and Spencer MacKenzie.

Final figures were still being counted Monday but Fred Louws, who is overseeing the efforts of the theatre's fundraising committee, said he estimates the event raised approximately \$20,000.

"With that number in mind, that pushes us past the \$500,000 mark (for money raised for the theatre)," Louws said.

Last year, the Town of Fort Erie and the District School Board of Niagara agreed to partner together and fund a portion of the \$3 million theatre that will be constructed beside the town's new high school that will open in 2017.

The Town and the school board have each agreed to pay \$500,000 toward the project with a committee expected to raise the remaining funds.

Butler said the theatre is important in order for the future generations of citizens

to have a creative outlet to express themselves.

"Having been in business, I know that individuals who have access to creative outlets are some of the most sought after people for jobs because they bring a creative perspective to their work."

Zanko said arts and culture are an important part of the community that bring people together.

"Saturday was a small taste of (the talent) we have," she said.

"Children deserve a place to be creative."

Butler wants to ask residents to mark their calendars for May 13 next year, which is the tentative date for the next party to raise funds for the theatre.

She wouldn't say what the theme would be although she already has it in mind.

"What I can say is that it will be bigger and even better," she said.

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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Hundreds of people attended Hollywood North Party on the Patio Saturday at the Fort Erie Leisureplex. Proceeds from the event were donated to construction of the Greater Fort Erie Centre for the Arts. For more photos see page 5.

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Briefs

Town creates new department

Last week, Town council approved a new corporate organizational structure to help improve customer service for residents.

Tom Kuchyt, the town's chief administrative officer, said it's the first time in 10 years that the municipality has undergone its last organizational review.

The purpose of the restructuring is to enable staff to better support council's strategic priorities and to continue delivering services effectively.

The town hired Strategy Corp to implement a thorough organizational review of the town, which was conducted

between October and November last year.

The evaluation included interviews with staff and community stakeholders, an analysis comparing Fort Erie with five other municipalities similar in size and an internal staffing audit.

Once the review was completed, Strategy Corp presented its recommendations to councilors at a meeting in January. Some key recommendations included the ability to provide residents and visitors with reliable service outcomes and enhanced customer satisfaction by streamlining customer service functions to provide residents, business and visitors with a more integrated, one window approach.

As a result of the review, the Town has realigned staff

to create a new department called Community Services.

Town's tax rate decreased to 1.65%

The Town of Fort Erie's overall tax rate is lower than initially expected due to the decrease in the education tax rate.

Last week, Town council approved the tax levy bylaw, which allows staff to bill the 2016 property taxes on behalf of the municipality, the Region and the province.

The Town's tax rates were approved in February but the provincial government announced on April 21 that the education tax rate would

be decreasing from 0.195 per cent in 2015 to 0.188 per cent in 2016. The revised overall tax levy results in a 1.65 per cent increase from 2015, instead of a 2.13 per cent increase that was originally anticipated.

"When we presented the 2016 total tax rate increase

in February, we calculated the information using the 2015 education tax rate," said Karlee Griffin, deputy treasurer.

"The recent revision in the education tax rate translates to a 0.48 per cent reduction of the median total tax bill.

In other words, residential property owners with an assessed value of \$179,715 in 2015 will save approximately \$13 from what we originally presented in February due to this year's education tax rate decrease."

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An American boater was rescued from Lake Erie early Monday after he reported his boat was taking on water. The sailboat remained stranded off Point Abino Monday afternoon.

Boater rescued from Lake Erie

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Canadian and American Coast Guard crews partnered together to rescue a U.S. man in distress on Lake Erie early Monday morning.

Christopher Yaw, a public relation specialist for the U.S. Coast Guard, said an emergency crew in Buffalo was called when a boater reported that his 37-foot sail-

boat was taking on water just before 3 a.m.

The man abandoned his boat and climbed into a dingy that was being swept out into the lake.

"Before our watchstanders (at the Coast Guard station in Buffalo) checked the position of the man, they dispatched a crew from Station Buffalo and a helicopter from our air station in Detroit," Yaw said.

"When we realized this

had happened in Canadian waters near Point Abino, the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre in Trenton took the lead, launching a C-130 fixed wing aircraft and requested that the Coast Guard assets continue en route to the scene."

Yaw said the man was located by the U.S. Coast Guard.

The crew confirmed he was the only person aboard

and transported to emergency medical professionals for evaluation in Buffalo.

The man, who was wearing a life jacket at the time of the incident, was reported to be cold and alert but he was not injured.

The sailboat remains sunk off shore near the Point Abino Lighthouse.

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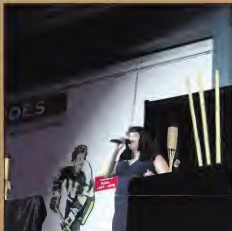


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Children from the Down the Rabbit Hole Theatre Company performed the song All You Need is Love by the Beatles.



Inside Edition's Senior Correspondent Les Trent, a graduate of Fort Erie Secondary School, was the emcee at the Hollywood North Party on the Patio event.



Fort Erie's Carina Frammarino performed one of her original songs at Hollywood North Party on the Patio.



Fort Erie's Hannah Flake performed Etta James' song At Last.

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Point of View

We can all be vulnerable to scams

We know it all too well: there are fraudsters out there waiting to take our money.

There are many different scams heading our way, and repeated warnings from police, generating media stories about how not to be taken in.

We read them and we think, not me. That's so obvious. How do people actually get sucked into such nonsense?

We expect the elderly to be targeted, and to be vulnerable. We never think it's going to happen to us.

But last weekend, a Niagara-on-the-Lake woman with a distinguished career in publishing and a long history of volunteerism - an officer of the Order of Canada, for heaven's sake, with her astuteness in business mentioned as one of the reasons for the award - was taken in recently. She was told a story that sent her emotions into overdrive. A family member was in jeopardy, and of course, she was asked to help. And so she did.

And discovered, after she had sent money, there was no emergency. Her family member was perfectly fine. She was the victim. She'd been scammed.

Donna Scott is just one example of many men and women in Niagara who have been targeted by scammers.

It's not easy to admit to being taken like that, when we're

warned so often of the dangers, and we think, no, it couldn't happen to us.

To all who know this strong, wise woman, a senior, yes, but certainly still sharp as a tack, it may come as a surprise that her emotions, her love of family, in this situation, clouded her thoughts.

But what it should really tell us, if it could happen to her, it could happen to any one of us.

She was taken in by a variation in the successful grandson scam, although in her case it was her stepson, who she believed needed her help.

It's successful because it tugs at our heart strings, but there are many others: these days, one of the most common we're hearing about is the Canada Revenue scam.

This one plays to our fears. Individuals receive an aggressive and threatening phone call from someone posing as a worker with the CRA saying if they don't pay money owed, they will go to jail. They're given such a short time to pay before their impending arrest, they arrange the money transfer, even if they're sure they don't owe it.

If it's an investment or lottery scam, it will sound too good to be true. It is.

If it's an online scam that begins with your bank, looking like legitimate correspondence, asking for information - ask yourself why the bank would e-mail you looking for

information they already have.

It could be a dating scam, it could be one related to your religion or cultural group, it could be a sales pitch - and the best way around it is to ask the advice of someone you trust.

It's awful to think we have to be so paranoid, so distrustful, but there are many people who make a living out of scamming, and it's not just the elderly who get taken.

It could be any one of us. There are scam artists around the world waiting to get us, and they are good at what they do.

Don't believe something just because it seems legitimate. Ask questions. Think about it. Don't rush to action. If there's a bank or company involved, contact them.

Call the Niagara Regional Police - 905-688-4111, or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre, at 1-888-495-8501. Run it past an expert.

Be especially skeptical about anything free - a trip, a prize, merchandise - and when the request is made for your credit card information, hang up.

There is no guarantee for any one of us that we won't fall victim to a scam.

But we can learn to protect ourselves. And it seems the best protection of all might be to realize and accept that we could be vulnerable, to keep us wary. Being a little paranoid, in the long run, is not necessarily a bad thing - it might be what saves us.

Do you remember?



As we received no calls or e-mails about last week's photo of the teacher and her pupil, it will remain in the 'unidentified people' binders here at the Fort Erie Historical Museum. A big thank you to Penny Warner

and her mother for saving the original newspaper article from the previous week's photo and sending it along. Her mother had called her about the photo, so Penny contacted us to identify the models and tell us how much fun it was. This was the Ridgeway-Crystal Beach Kinetite fashion show held at the Cherry Hill Golf and Country Club in April 1961. The ladies in the photo shown starting at the left and going clockwise: Carol Haslam, Arlene D'Amico, Barb Henning, and Sandra Vip with Penny Warner in the middle. Fashions were provided by Snider's Ladies Wear of Port Colborne. This week's photo of five dancers has three names pencilled in on the back: Barb Fraser, Nancy Candella and Danuta Hawanek. We would like to know who's who and why this photo appeared in the paper. If you can help, please call the Museum at 905-894-5322 or e-mail us at museum@forterie.ca.

The library continues to change with the times

Years of being 'That Big Guy' behind the desk at the Fort Erie Public Library have afforded me the chance to see how our library has changed, not just in appearance and crew, but in purpose.

We know that the library has grown to be about much more than books, and we have continually added to the various ways in which we serve our patrons.

Education strikes me first because of the decades that educational programs such as story hours and homework help have been offered. Entertainment is another purpose.

It took time for the idea of VHS loans in



the library to become accepted. By the time we had developed our own DVD collection, the idea of entertainment as a library purpose had been embraced. The same is true for video gaming in the teen area.

Because libraries continue to grow, there has always been room for added purpose at the library. New purposes have come to include what I like to call 'creative

opportunity'. Opportunity at the library now comes as broad as your imagination with some cool new equipment and some staff invention.

Take for instance our 3-D printer, which you'll see the moment you step through the front door at your next visit to the Centennial branch. This printer allows the user to make a wide array of items from action figures to fossils and tools. If you would like to learn more, there will be a 3-D printer workshop on Tuesday, June 28 at the afternoon of ages 16 and up.

The 3-D printer is just one recent investment in opportunity at the library, but it definitely isn't the only one. We also have

a die cutter and vinyl cutter. We want to engage and encourage our patrons young and old to become more creative in a hands-on way, and bringing in the newest and coolest gadgets is a fun start.

Handy gadgets aren't your thing and you still want to get creative, you won't be shut out of the chance to create at the library.

Since January 2014, we have run a writers group that meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Centennial branch. Run by yours truly, this group covers broad topics in creative writing and offers a monthly challenge to jumpstart your creative juices or to give

your muse a kick in the pants.

While these new endeavors indicate progress beyond books, they offer growth and enrichment to our patrons. We encourage you to become more creative in a hands-on way and we hope you will start with your next trip to the library.

If you have a great idea for starting a business, but are holding back because you are afraid of making mistakes, you will want to visit the Crystal Ridge branch of the library on Wednesday, May 25 at 7:00 p.m. Dan Barrett, author of 'The 32 Second Entrepreneur: concise, practical advice for starting and operat-

ing a successful business', will give advice on how to begin a business without pitfalls. Copies of Barrett's book will be available for sale, and are also in the collection.

All branches of the library will be closed on Monday, May 23 for the Victoria Day holiday. Our website is always open at www.fepl.ca for searching the database and placing holds, downloading free movies, music, books and magazines, and learning about upcoming events and creative opportunities. Find us, too, on Facebook and Twitter.

Derek Clendenning is an information services assistant at the Fort Erie Public Library.

With the nice weather finally here, it's time to explore nature

It's Rambler time.

You can spot me riding on my electric scooter, the Rambler, this month of May on the Fort Erie Friendship Trail.

The trail is my nature lifeline. I had my good binoculars as I headed east out of Ridgeway one day. I could hear bird calls. The warbling notes of a Baltimore Oriole.

During bird classes I try to find the colourful bird. The fast budding leaves obscure my success. On one particular day, I could hear the crisp tinkling notes I believe is a wren's song.

Wrens blend in well. They have no bright colours with them.

This location is cat bird



country. There were no calls when I recently went out to hear for the bird. I will return another day.

Note: This time in early May a no-no. I had pulled of the trail and had taken my walk when two 4x4s rumbled down the Trail.

They are not allowed on the Trail. A few minutes later an electric motorcycle

followed. He gave a friendly wave. Another No-No.

These vehicles can easily top 30 miles per hour. I love our trail, but more importantly I love a safe Trail.

Annual Warning: Fast moving bicycles as they approach pedestrians inform them of your passing. Ring your bell or say 'Passing on the left'.

Then pass on the left. Always be courteous on the trail.

Marks on our Trail I travel the Friendship Trail from Port Colborne a few times each year. Only a few marks on their Trail. Fort Erie has countless serpentine-like black marks. Why? Cracks on the pavement

are the cause.

The 'down of Fort Erie has and is doing a good job to contain them. Not the most attractive sight in 2016 but what is the alternative?

Note: Of course I think that Fort Erie's stretch of the Friendship Trail is the more attractive.

Naturally speaking of course, because there are more birds, more plants and more trees.

When I went out recently to explore nature there was not a turtle in sight this day. I have to remind myself, 'Be patient, Earl. Use your binoculars to scan the surface on both sides of the bridge.'

C. Skinner has again sent me many nature articles from Arkansas. There was one that caught my interest. It was about baby eagles - eaglets.

Thanks to the Goodridges of Fort Erie we have watched eagle nests with hatchlings in Port Colborne and Fort Erie.

Question from an Arkansas reader was:

When do hatchling eaglets start to breathe? Is there air in the egg before they peck their way out?

Research answer: Their first breath comes three or four days before they hatch. Thanks to the small air bubbles above the chicks in the porous egg shell. Just before

its first breathe the eaglet chick develops an egg tooth. It's a small calcium spike on top of the bill. It is used to pierce the membrane and the end of the outer shell. This structure is called the External

Pip. The chick gives a few expansive burbles and the egg shell separates. It absorbs the sac within its body and fully inflates its lungs. The eaglet is exhausted from its work. It now draws strength from its yolk sac. For several hours it rests and dries off. One newly minted baby eagle!

Earl Plato is a resident of Fort Erie, local historian and nature lover.

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Community invited to attend plaque re-dedication

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The community is invited to commemorate the Ridgeway Nine that fell during the Battle of Ridgeway during a service at People's Memorial United Church.

"I don't think people realize how important it is," pastor Martha Lockwood said.

"I certainly didn't until I started reading up on it. The battle that took place was a catalyst for Confederation."

People's Memorial United Church, built in 1872 at the corner of Ridge and Dominion roads, was constructed "as a memorial to the people who died during the Fenian Raids," Lockwood said.

A plaque honouring the lives of the nine Canadian soldiers who died during the Battle of Ridgeway was erected in the church when it was founded.

The same plaque will be re-dedicated on May 29 at 10 a.m. during regular Sunday service.



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Pastor Martha Lockwood invites the community to attend a re-dedication of a plaque commemorating the lives of the Ridgeway Nine. The event will be held on May 19 at People's Memorial United Church in Ridgeway.

The timing is perfect, Lockwood said, because it coincides with the 150th anniversary of the Fenian Raids on June 4.

Lockwood said members from the Fort Erie Historical

Museum will be on hand to be part of the service. Biographies of the soldiers will be read out loud and there will be a prayer of thanks for the soldiers that sacrificed their lives.

"Afterward, everyone will be welcome to gather in the foyer to give people a chance to view the plaque," Lockwood said.

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Upon an exam, I noticed that one of her crowns had decay underneath. I told the patient of the fact and recommended a replacement in order to prevent further destruction.

Her reaction to my findings was much unexpected. She became very upset because she thought her crown which she spent a lot of money on should be permanent. I had to explain that this is not the case and I discussed what I am about to discuss here with you. Thankfully, she understood the situation.

When a tooth is filled with large filling, the tooth becomes weak. Several studies show that a tooth with a large filling tends to fracture or crack. Sometimes catastrophically 3-4 times more likely. Because of this, dentists recommend crowns on teeth with large fillings. That is a standard recommendation from most dentists.



Dr. John Inigo

Unfortunately, a crown is not permanent. Though it is a best treatment available to protect weak teeth, there are many reasons why a crown needs replacement sometimes later. One of the frequent reasons is decay under the crown. Although a well fitted crown seals the tooth remarkably well compared to fillings, there is small gap between a crown and a tooth (Gap is bigger between a filling and the tooth typically). We call this gap a margin.

In most cases, a margin of a crown is not visible or detectable easily. However, on average, a crown margin is of 50 micron in size. Typical cavity causing bacteria have a size of 5 micron. That means you can fit 10 bacteria in any crown margin.

So yes, the crown can get re-decayed. We call this recurrent caries. And sometime, there is not much a dentist can do about it because it is really up to patient's regular maintenance (such as brushing and more importantly flossing) to remove the bacteria daily and to avoid or reduce the sugar which bacteria consumes to cause tooth decay.

Additionally your dentist can often detect any decay under the crown during your regular hygiene appointments, when still small and it can be either repaired or replaced before the decay sets away all the remaining tooth structure under the crown.

Dr. John Inigo is a practicing general dentist in Fort Erie and Ridgeway Ontario. He can be reached at Inigo Bertie Dentistry, 905-871-2903 or Inigo.Ridgeway.Dentistry@outlook.com or 905-894-5555.

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Ridgeway store invites community to its grand reopening

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Some members have changed at Lakeside Books and Art in Ridgeway.

The community is invited to explore the book store during its grand re-opening on Saturday between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Mary Friesen, owner of Lakeside Books and Art, opened the Ridge Road store in 2013 with the intention of

creating a community hub.

"I started the business with the idea that it became a community spot where you can shop for books, play a game of Scrabble and have a cup of tea."

Friesen said she accomplished her goal, but she wanted more time to try new things. Running a store that offers a variety of children's toys, collectibles, and books by herself didn't allow much time for anything else.

"Running a store and managing the books is a lot of work so forming a partnership was a wonderful solution," she said.

Hazel Reinhardt, Helen Wood and Ada Sherk have joined Friesen in operating the store. Friesen is managing children's toys, antiques and other items. Wood is looking after collectibles sold at the store. Sherk is responsible for selling books, and Reinhardt is managing the Hally Gallery,

which will feature different local artists each month.

Friesen said everyone is welcome to visit the store during its open house for light refreshments.

Mayor Wayne Redekop is expected to read a children's story out loud at 1:30 p.m.

For more information about Lakeside Books and Art visit www.lakesidebooksandart.com.

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SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

From left, Mary Friesen, Helen Wood, Ada Sherk and Hazel Reinhardt invite the community to the grand re-opening of Lakeside Books and Art on May 21 in Ridgeway from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.



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ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT
APPLICATION 350309-0408

DATE: JUNE 13, 2016 • TIME: 6:00 PM
LOCATION: MUNICIPAL TOWN HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS



LOCATION OF SUBJECT LANDS



GETTING MORE INFORMATION

Input on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town. Please note that unless you do so at the above time, you may not be able to appeal the decision later.

A copy of the Information Report will be available to the public by 5:00 PM on June 8, 2016. The Information Report will be available in the Council agenda packet at the Town's Web Site: www.townoferie.ca from the Community and Development Services Department.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Nora Doherty, MCRP RPA-CA, Manager of Development Approvals
Community and Development Services Department,
Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive,
Fort Erie, Ontario L2A 2S6
(905) 871-1600 ext. 2602

Or by e-mailing your comments to ndoherty@forterie.ca

PROVIDING TOWN COMMENTS OR REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION

To provide input in writing, or to request written notice of the decision of the Zoning By-law Amendment, please send a letter to the Town Clerk Laura Babin, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, Ontario, L2A 2S6 or email to labin@townoferie.ca



WHAT WILL THIS AMENDMENT CHANGE:

- It would permit the reduction of zoning requirements in order to build new dwellings on these lots.
- The rezoning is required to permit the proposed dwellings to be built on undervalued lots.
- If Council permits this rezoning, an application will be made for Consent to turn these 2 lots into 3.
- Each of the 3 lots would be undervalued and require this special zoning.
- To permit the following special provisions in the R2 Zone:
 - o Reduced lot frontage
 - o Reduced minimum lot area
 - o Reduced front yard setback
 - o Reduced interior side yard setback
 - o Increased maximum lot coverage



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PUBLIC NOTICE

WATER WORKS BY-LAW UPDATE

Notice is hereby given that the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie intends to consider a proposed by-law at its Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, June 20, 2016 to adopt a revised and updated Water Works By-law governing the management and operation of the Fort Erie Drinking Water Distribution System which is governed by the provisions of the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002, the Ontario Water Resources Act, the Ontario Building Code Act, the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, the Ontario Fire Code (including various Regulations established under these Acts) and Bill 75: An Act Respecting the Cost of Water and Wastewater Services.

The last by-law was passed in 2004. The new Water Works By-law will bring the technical aspects and administrative processes of the water distribution services up-to-date. The by-law is also intended to be an uncomplicated guide for property owners, Town staff and Council with respect to their individual roles and responsibilities in the provision of clean, safe water.

A copy of the proposed Water Works By-law is available on the Town of Fort Erie's website at www.townoferie.ca under the "Announcements" section for your review until June 20, 2016. Copies may also be requested in the Engineering Division at 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6.

Results of public comment will be included in a memorandum report to be considered at the Council-in-Committee Meeting of June 13, 2016. Any person interested in appearing before Council as a delegation at the meetings of June 13 or 20, 2016 to address the proposed updated Water Works By-law must register with the Clerk's Office by 3:00 p.m. on June 8th and June 16th, 2016 respectively.

Written comments are invited from any person respecting the proposed Water Works By-law and should be directed to Mr. Kelly Walsh, P. Eng., Director, Infrastructure Services at (905) 871-1600 Extension 2400 or kwalsht@forterie.ca.

Rescue crews called to search for person believed missing

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Rescue crews were called to search for a possible missing person in the water off Pres Beach in Fort Erie Monday afternoon.

"We had an individual on the shore that believed they thought they could see someone in the

water in distress," Fort Erie Fire Chief Larry Coplen said.

"Although this person thought they saw someone in distress, we did not find any evidence of someone being in the water," he added.

Firefighters from the Fort Erie Fire Department, and crews from the Canadian and U.S. Coast Guards conducted a

search in the water, on the shore and in the air.

"We had our two fire department boats out there and fire-fighters conducted a shore search. There were two Canadian vessels and a helicopter as well as two helicopters and another vessel from the U.S.," Coplen said.

The scene was cleared at 3:02 p.m.

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DO YOU WANT TO TELL THE TOWN WHERE TO GO?

If so, Town Council and staff would like to invite you to participate in a focus group so you can help shape the future of Fort Erie Transit over the next 5 years and beyond.

Who are we looking for?

We are looking for a good cross-section of community stakeholders such as:

- a long-time transit rider
- a non-user of transit
- a local business owner
- an organization representative involved in active transportation, accessibility issues, youth or seniors issues

What do you get?

An opportunity to help shape Fort Erie Transit for years to come based on insight and feedback from multiple community perspectives.

When is the focus group session?

Our focus group meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, **June 1, 2016 at 9:00 am** at Town Hall. Please allow for up to 3 hours to participate

Here's how you can get involved

To be a part of the focus group, please submit a Letter of Interest by mail or email by **5 p.m. on Friday, May 20, 2016** to:

Carla Stout, Transit Program Manager
1 Municipal Centre Dr., Fort Erie, ON L2A 2S6
csout@forterie.ca

Your Letter of Interest/ Email must include:

- Your name, address, phone number and email address.
- The category you would like to represent i.e. long-time transit rider, non-user, local business owner, organization representative (only two-three members per category will be chosen).
- A brief summary of why you would like to participate in the TFG (approximately 100 words).

Because the focus group will be limited in size (in order to allow all participants to fully engage in discussion), it is possible that we may not be able to accept everyone interested in participating. Don't have the time to participate in the focus group but still want to have your say? No problem! We will also be undertaking a **web-based survey in June** that you can fill in online.

For more information and/or updates on the project, please visit: forterie.ca/PublicTransitInformation

Please note that the names of those who submitted their expression of interest as well as those selected to participate will become public record and may be published in relation to this process.

Accessibility Accommodation

If you require any accommodations for a disability in order to participate or attend meetings, please let us know in your Letter of Interest so that appropriate arrangements can be made.



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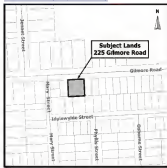
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WHAT WILL THIS AMENDMENT CHANGE:

- Permit the existing building to be converted into up to 7 residential apartment dwellings.
- Current use = bar/avern + 1 accessory apartment. The bar/avern use will cease.
- Current Zone = Residential 2 (R2).
- Proposed Zone = Residential Multiple (RM2) with special provisions
- To permit the following special provisions in the Residential Multiple (RM2) Zone:
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The Friends of the Fort Erie Public Library donated \$4,000 to the library last week. Members of the charitable organization presented the cheque last Monday at the Crystal Ridge branch while visiting author Deborah Ellis discussed her books with a small group of library patrons who attended her presentation. The money will be used to help pay for authors like Ellis to visit the library. Pictured from left are children and teen's librarian Karissa Alcox, community services co-ordinator Amy Roebuck, Friends of the Library members Marilyn McMillen and Louise Coshan, author Deborah Ellis, Flo Odling and Ann McLaughlin.

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Entrepreneurship class helped Fort Erie woman create business she is passionate about

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Like a number of people in Niagara have done before her, Fort Erie's Jackie Poulin was left wondering what she was going to do for a living after she was laid off from her job.

On her journey to finding new employment, Pou-

lin learned about an eight-week class hosted by the Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre geared toward women that educates them about starting their own business.

"When I lost my job and I was trying to figure out my employment situation I knew I wanted to look for something to do that was

meaningful," Poulin said.

"I come from a long line of entrepreneurs so I knew this was something I wanted to try."

Poulin's parents owned one of the first french fry trucks in Fort Erie; one of her sisters opened a restaurant in Crystal Beach, and her other sister sold eye glasses.

Growing up, Poulin said she always had a passion for animals, which is why she decided to start her own mobile dog grooming service called Zoom N' Groom.

"When I was looking for a groomer for my dog, I could not find a mobile groomer in town and that's when I put two and two

together."

She said the eight-week class helped her develop a business plan and learn about important business skills such as marketing, advertising, finances and networking.

After Poulin finished the class, she set to working obtaining the necessary education in animal

grooming care and opened her business in June last year.

Lori Webster, manager of Women's Entrepreneurship Development, said the class is open to women who wouldn't otherwise be able to have access to entrepreneur education.

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Classes begin in Fort Erie on May 30

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"For most of the women who participate in the class, they come to Canada as refugees or their circumstances are tenuous and this class gives them stability."

The program is funded by the Ontario Women's Directorate.

Classes will begin in Fort Erie at the Fort Erie Multicultural Centre on May 30 and run Monday through Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. until July 22.

Once the class is completed, Webster said there is continued support through mentorships and participants may receive assistance in qualifying for a start up loan.

Child care will also be provided for participants.

Women that are interesting in participating in the class are encouraged to register by calling Webster at 905-732-5337 or e-mail her at iwebster@

wellandheritagecouncil.com as soon as possible as space is limited.

Another class is scheduled from Sept. 6 to Oct. 28 at the Niagara Falls Library.

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WHO: The Welland Heritage Council and Multicultural Centre.

WHAT: The organization is hosting an eight-week class entitled Women's Entrepreneurship Development. The class is free for women interested in starting their own business.

WHEN: Classes begin on May 30 and run from Monday to Friday between 9 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. until July 22.

WHERE: The Fort Erie Multicultural Centre.

WHY: To encourage women and help them create their own businesses.



SARAH FERGUSON/FORT ERIE TIMES

Fort Erie's Jackie Poulin attended an eight-week Women's Entrepreneurship class that helped her start her own business, a mobile pet grooming service called Zoom N' Groom.

16 days to go...



What: Once-in-a-lifetime spectacular show by the Canadian Armed Forces for the 150th anniversary of the Battle of Ridgeway

When: Saturday, June 4th

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Niagara Railway Museum member Garry Eller and his grandson, Nate Miller, sit in front of a trolley that was on display at the Niagara Railway Museum.



The Hydro Electric Power Commission #46 was one of the locomotives on display at the Niagara Railway Museum's open house. It was built by the American Locomotive Company Cooke Works in September 1920.



From left, Blair Maracle, Brady Maracle, Lleyton Maracle and Abbi Maracle played with a train set on display at the Niagara Railway Museum.



Todd Brunning and Ronnie Mattie brought their two-year-old son Cale to the Niagara Railway Museum's open house on Saturday. Mattie said her son is a "huge Thomas the Tank engine fan" and "loves trains."

Exploring Fort Erie's railway history

The Niagara Railway Museum opened its doors to the public this weekend. Locomotive enthusiasts, history buffs and individu-

als interested in Fort Erie's railway heritage were given the opportunity to explore the museum, at 21 Warren St., during the two-day open

house on Saturday and Sunday. The site was once used as a repair shop for the Canadian National Railway's locomotives.

Items on display included a fully operational 25-tonne diesel locomotive, artefacts, old documents, model trains, clothing and pictures.

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Annual Police Tug-of-War

The Niagara Falls (N.Y.) Police Department and Niagara County Sheriff's Department have finally got the better of the Niagara Regional Police in the annual Police Tug-of-War.

The Canadian side had won 11 times in a row going into the test of strength on the Rainbow Bridge on Saturday, May 14, 2016, but the Americans came out on top this year, winning the best two-out-of-three competition 2-0.

Members of the public lined the bridge to show their support in what has become a friendly rivalry among the police forces.

Despite the loss, the NRP has an impressive 51-5 record during the past 56 years.

Prior to the event, the NRP marched to the Rainbow Bridge from the former Niagara Falls Memorial Arena at the corner of Centre Street and Lewis Avenue, accompanied by a band playing bagpipes.

The march caught the attention of many tourists along the route, many of whom took out their cameras to take photos and video of the occasion.


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Book highlights forgotten battle that took place in Fort Erie

SARAH FERGUSON
Fort Erie Times

Many people living in Niagara know the history of the Battle of Ridgeway, but few know about the second battle that took place in Fort Erie the same day.

It was an important incident in history that had been kept secret until now, June Chipp said.

The author wrote that battle in her new book called *Duty and Honour: The Stand Against the Fenians in Fort Erie*.

The short but fierce fight between the Fenians and the Welland Canal Battery and Dunnville Naval Brigade played out on the Niagara Boulevard, where the original Village of Fort Erie was located.

Chipp said no Canadians were killed, but several were seriously wounded.

"Most people don't know about this fight because of a document that was almost lost to history. It's been hidden by the government for 150 years," she said.

A bitter controversy followed the engagement, as the commanding officer, a volunteer militia man from Toronto, was accused of desertion.

A two-month long inquiry that was closed to the public was held in a Fort Erie hotel in 1866.

In 1867, the same year that Confederation took place, the officers who brought

forth the charges attempted to publish the enquiry in the first session of Parliament but John A. Macdonald, Canada's first prime minister, denied the request.

The document, which became known as the Dennis Enquiry, was forgotten until it was rediscovered.

"I read a book about the War of 1812 written by Peter Vronsky and in it there was one chapter dedicated to the fight in Fort Erie," Chipp said.

"When I learned about this, I asked (Vronsky) to share the document with me. I thought people needed to know this."

Chipp set to work transcribing the 400-page manuscript and published them in her book, which was released in February.

The book also includes a detailed description of the fight that took place and insight into the Village of Fort Erie as a frontier town in the year 1866.

Chipp said she wanted to release her book to coincide with the 150th anniversary of the Fenian Raids, which will see a variety of events held in Ridgeway to commemorate the important piece of Canadian history.

She will attend the Fenians 150 Conference at the Clarion Hotel from June 1 to 3 and the Fenians re-enactment at Old Fort Erie from June 11 to 12.

Chipp will also discuss her book on June 22 at the Crystal Ridge branch of the Fort Erie Public Library at 1 p.m.

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What we see in the early spring is mostly winter stock of root veggies: like parsnips, onions, sweet potatoes, carrots and spuds, as well as a few greens.

Root vegetables have a long life span when stored properly and will be available right into the early summer, almost right up until the new crop is ready. Leafy greens like lettuce, kale, spinach and even green onions can be grown all winter in a greenhouse



Downtown Bridgeburg

and can start very early in the season outdoors. Our farmers are just like us, if they plant too early, their plants freeze, just like my basil did, last week on the night of the May 14. Burner.

Yes, the pickins' will be slim for awhile, but have

no fear, the stands will be loaded with fresh fruit and veggies pretty quick! Rhubarb is a comin'!

The first few weeks of the market you'll have the opportunity to rev up that green thumb. Our farmers will have 100s of those said vegetable and flower plants available. This week's challenge is to go out on a limb; try planting something new that you've never seen before, even if it's a different variety of tomato or an herb you've always wondered about. I'll have many more challenges throughout the market season that goes

right to the end of October. *Chrystal Haverstock is the organizer of the Bridgeburg Rustic Farmers' Market.*

Braised Carrots
• 1 lb carrots, peeled and cut into sticks all the same size

- 3 Tbs canola oil
- 3 cloves garlic
- Salt and Pepper
- 1 tsp dried parsley
- 2 tbs water

• 1 tsp brown sugar (optional)

- 1 tsp butter or margarine
- Peel and halve garlic cloves then smash them

with the side of your knife.

• Heat oil in a non-stick frypan, add garlic and fry until it is dark brown, then remove.

• Add parsnip sticks and toss quickly to coat with oil. Sprinkle with parsley, salt and pepper and 2 tbs water and toss. • Reduce heat to low medium and continue tossing then cover for 5 minutes. Remove lid and add sugar and butter and cook until tender.

• This basic recipe can be used for parsnips, sweet potatoes, celeriac, rutabaga, or turnips. Go crazy; do them all together!



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Celebrating a piece of Fort Erie's history

SARAH FERGUSON, FORT ERIE TIMES

Fleet Canada invited employees and their families to an open house at the Gilmore Road facility on Saturday. In late 2005, Fleet Industries was sold by Magellan Aerospace to a group of employees led by local entrepreneur and former Fleet Industries employee Glenn Stansfield. The new company opened as Fleet Canada in February 2006 and the event, which featured live music and a visit from the Royal Canadian Air Force 450 tactical Helicopter Squadron, celebrated the 10th anniversary of the new company that employs 150 people. From left, Mayor Wayne Redekop presented Stansfield, president and CEO, a certificate of recognition from the Town of Fort Erie in front of a Boeing CH-47 Chinook. Fleet was founded by Rubin Fleet in 1930 with the intention to build training aircraft at a time when air flight was still in its infancy. Over the course of decades, the company produced hundreds of aircraft that were designed in house and built at the facility. Models included the Fleet Pawn, Freightner, Fort, Finch, Canuck and the Doman-Fleet LZ-5 Helicopter.

The battle that made Canada



The Battle of Ridgeway is known as the "Battle that made Canada". For two years prior to this, politicians throughout the British provinces had been discussing the possibility of forming a new country. Those talks were ongoing since 1864, and had stalled.

In 1866 the Fenian Army invaded Fort Erie and won both the Battle of Ridgeway and battle at the Fort Erie dock. Public fear was intense — and the knowledge that we could not rely on Britain for our defence put pressure on the politicians to hasten negotiations for a unified country with a strong military. Canada became a country one year later.

These historic battles were fought around Ridge Road, north of Hwy.#3 in Ridgeway, and also near the foot of Murray St. in Fort Erie. This tumultuous turning point in the birth of our nation happened right here, and the 150th anniversary will be celebrated in Ridgeway on June 4th.

This 150th event has three parts: a military parade from Crystal Ridge Arena up Ridge Road to Ridgeway Battlefield Park (noon); a ceremony at Ridgeway Battlefield Park (1 pm); and a festival at Crystal Ridge Arena (3 - 6:30 pm). For information on parking and other event details contact the Fort Erie Historical Museum at 905-894-5322 or go to <www.museum.forterie.ca>.

To quote Gunner Albert Reavley, who fought in this invasion: "The Fenian Raid was a great shock to the people of [British] Canada... It proved that Canada, however well-behaved, was liable to attack, thus demonstrating the need of defence, and what was more important the need of unity."





Colours of inclusion

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In honour of Community Living Month, the Peace Bridge was illuminated in green and blue hues on Thursday, May 12. Throughout the month of May, Community Living Fort Erie celebrates the talents and gifts individuals with intellectual disabilities bring to the community. May annually marks Community Living Month across Ontario.

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community projects including the Fort Erie Centre for the Arts.

Individuals who wish to purchase roses can contact any Rotarian.

For more information send an e-mail to Flo Odling, past president, at flo@friendshipfestival.com.

Kick drug habit before it's too

late: judge

A local judge warned a Fort Erie woman she faces a bleak future if she is unable to kick her crippling drug addiction.

"If you don't escape from it, you'll be killed or end up killing someone," Judge Tony Hill told 34-year-old April Hill.

"Those are your two destinies that are there if things don't change," Hill was sentenced to 41/2

months behind bars Friday in an Ontario Court of Justice in Welland on several charges, including assault with a weapon and possession of a controlled substance.

Due to the time she had spent in pre-trial custody, she must serve an additional two months in jail.

Court heard Hill has a lengthy criminal record with numerous convictions related to substance abuse.

"Fentanyl, drugs and alcohol are like a poison

snake," the judge told her. "You wouldn't hug a rattlesnake or take it home and snuggle with it. It will kill you."

"But, that's exactly what you're doing every time you reach for that crack pipe, that Fentanyl, that bottle."

She was arrested in November 2015 after she was found in possession of one-fourth of a strip of Fentanyl. In February 2016, she was charged with possession of crack cocaine.

She was arrested again

last March and charged with assault with a weapon after she stabbed a man in the back of the head with an eight-inch knife.

"The sad fact of life is you carry 10 times more baggage than anyone I've ever seen," the judge said.

"You had a childhood of victimization and a world of drugs, alcohol and violence and (that's) incredibly difficult to escape from."

Hill was also placed on probation for three years.



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For the last 17 years, every summer, I along with my wife have had the opportunity to serve the Bridgeburg BIA Downtown on Jarvis Street looking after the flower planters, beds and baskets. We've really enjoyed doing it and have been fortunate as a result to meet and work alongside some wonderful people over the years. We won't be doing it this year and we will miss those early sunrise mornings from the top of Jarvis Street and the inordinate number of early riser residents out for their constitutionals or walking their dogs who met us with a kind word or a wave. Thank you to all. I would also like to personally thank Theresa McKellor, the very first BIA Monogel I ever had for her years of devotion, service and lasting friendship. In addition, my thanks and appreciation goes out to the others we've worked along side, Peggy Thompson, Veronica Landry and Barb Harming. I would be unkindly remiss not to include several others for whom I have the utmost appreciation and respect: Mr. Leigh Whyte, Mr. David Dimberio, Mr. Brian McCooley, all who gave so freely of themselves to restore a little beauty and pride to downtown Bridgeburg. A thank you as well to the Town of Fort Erie especially Councillor Stephen Passero and all others who have served on the Bridgeburg BIA both past and present for recognizing the relevance of our historical downtown Bridgeburg and the need to keep it vibrant. A final special note of thanks and acknowledgement to Mr. Ryan Timbers and his students for their annual efforts and special recognition and gratitude to Adam and Diana Sneek of the Mill Greenhouse in Ridgeway for providing a little color and beauty to the streetscape on Jarvis in such an expert, friendly way. From a personal standpoint, I have to thank my wife Amy for everything she has done from that first day of June in the summer of 1998 through to the end of this underlining and what is truly the end of an era for both of us. I'm not all that sure that this whole endeavor was as glamorous as I promised my wife it would be from the outset but it was at the least a great experience all the way through. As mentioned, we have had the good fortune of meeting and working along side many over the years who made it easy for us to hang for the long haul. These are all good people with altruistic, core values, who were undoubtedly distinctly different in many ways but still managed to work together with the common desire to create something better. That is what made our long relationship with all so special and memorable and it is for certain what continually spurred us on. Thank you for the experience and for all of the help through the years and most of all thank you for actually making a difference every single year without fail to our historic downtown Bridgeburg.

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Fort Erie Secondary School student 'a shining example' of success

Special to the Fort Erie Times

School student Shanna Ingram is a "shining example" of the school's four pillars, which promote academics, athletics, technology and the arts.

Ingram is currently trying to

decide between a number of offers of early acceptance and

scholarships from post-secondary institutions. She has been accepted into the Biological, Medical, and Life Sciences program, which includes a \$3,000 scholarship at McGill University, the Health Sciences Program and a \$16,000 scholarship from the University of Ottawa, the Medical Sciences at Western University and a \$10,000 Life Sciences at the University of Toronto and the \$7,500 President's Scholarship of Excellence and a personal professor mentoring tier.

She has not earned a mark less than 95 per cent in any class in high school and has been the highest achiever every year in math, science, and English while immersing herself in every aspect of school life.

Ingram has been a member of the school volleyball and basketball teams annually and finished third at SOSSA in badminton. She has also been an assistant volleyball coach for her elementary school.

A winner of numerous awards, Ingram's latest one is the Constable Dale Racine Educational Bursary from the Niagara Regional Police, an award of \$2,000. She was also nominated for the Schulich Leadership Scholarship.

Ingram has effectively fulfilled the role of Student Council president the last two years and is currently the chair of the Fort Erie Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee

after being a member since 2011, also sitting on the District School Board of Niagara Student Trustees Senate. As well, she was an integral part of the Accommodation Review Committee to bring two schools together in the formation of the new September 2017 school for Greater Fort Erie.

Along with other members of the school Students' Council, she actively plans numerous events of school social life and leads various student assemblies, unfraid to put herself in self-educating situations.

Although many students spend a lot of time on social media, she sees herself as using that technology with a purpose beyond mere amusement. She is enthusiastic about the FESS Facebook page, which daily shares details about school life, and is working on a Snapchat geofilter that will activate only when the student using it is in a certain geographical location. For Ingram, social media usage is not just for personal enjoyment, but as a tool for networking to promote positive change.

Her future goals are focused but flexible: "I want to study neuroscience with microbiology as a major, eventually becoming a physician or going into advanced research in private industry. Ultimately I would love to work around the world in aid, such as with an organization as Doctors Without Borders."





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I am so happy the rain held off for Saturday's Albino Rhino Beer Fest.

Yes, it was brisk outside but thankfully this didn't stop any of you to come out, enjoy yourselves and support a great cause. A big thank you to all of you, the volunteers, breweries, food vendors and of course Chad aka Albino Rhino.

I am going to start with a quick reminder in regards to the Comedy Night with local Comedian Joe Pillitteri who has supported many organizations in their fundraising efforts such as local sports clubs, the United Ways, Red Roof Retreat and more. Pillitteri, who operates Lakeview Vineyard Equipment has a close relationship with farmers due to his job.

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of this community," he once said. Purchase your ticket to The Comedy Night with Joe Pillitteri on May 27 and support I Can-T.E.R. in their efforts to provide safe and educational programs and summer camps for all of us. The reception will start at 6:30 p.m. Joe Pillitteri will be on stage at 7:30pm.

Tickets to this event are available at Brimstone Brewing Company, icanter.at/icanter.ca and

on ticketscene.ca for \$25.

On June 5, Miss Shariene is making you bend into different yoga poses for an hour (suitable for all levels) only to reward you with a scrumptious yet healthy brunch created by Chef Matt of Crave Local Fresh and a flight of our best local brewed beer.

Tickets are available for only \$35 at www.ticketscene.ca. Please email Shariene at shariene@purenaturalhealth.ca for more information. Tickets to this event are limited due to space.

On June 11, the wonderful ladies of the local Grandmother to Grandmother campaign (in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation) are holding their third annual fundraiser at the Sanctuary - Centre for the Arts. The Rock'n'Roll evening of

Hope features the Paul James Band with special guest and Juno nominee Michael Pickett. Besides the musical show stoppers, you get to enjoy a Silent Auction, 50/50 draw, snacks and a full bar. All proceeds will go to the Stephen Lewis Foundation's Grandmothers to Grandmothers Campaign. Tickets are \$20 available at J.E. Harper & Co. The Flying Squirrel, Brimstone Brewery and Ticketscene.ca. Doors will be open at 7:30, show starts at 8:30 p.m.

Paul James - the driving force behind the Paul James Band - is one of the most exciting and energetic Canadian musicians who has won countless music award from a Juno to Toronto Music Awards. Better bring your dancin' shoes from that I heard.

We are happy to announce the new Music and Yoga for Babies and Toddlers will be starting on Wednesday, May 25 to June 29, 11:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Sing along, dance and chimmy to your heart's content. Instruments suitable to the genre of the week will be available. Classes will also include yoga components and sign language. Enjoy the musical journey with your child. The class is designed for children years and under. 6 sessions will cost \$50 or \$90 for more than one child. Please contact Carly Manly through carlymanly@gmail.com for more information and to register.

A quick announcement that might be helpful if you are looking for things to do for your kids during the summer break. The Fort Erie Arts Council is offering three weeks of Art Camps at the Bell Tower Sanctuary, Fort Erie in July.

The camps are designed for kids between five to 13 years and will cost \$150 including materials and snacks. The camp in week one (Monday July 4 to Friday, July 8, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) is called "DIY Upcycle - Mixed Media and Paint." Creative Minds - Painting, Drawing, Mixed media, 3-D Art in week 2 will run from Monday, July 11 to Friday, July 15, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. In week 3 (Monday, July 18 to Friday, July 22, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.) "Crazy Creatures - Puppetry, Mask making and Cartooning" are the main focus.

Before and after care is available upon request from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. FEAC Members receive a discount. Ask the FEAC about a multiple sibling discount. Please email feeclasses@gmail.com for more info and to register.

For more information about what is going in at The Sanctuary - Centre for the Arts visit www.thesanctuaryarts.org or like us on Facebook.

Hope to see you soon. Until next time, Nadine Pizziccola is the events coordinator for the Sanctuary Centre for the Arts.

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Niagara clubs create the gift of safe birth

RAY SPITERI
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The Zonta clubs of Niagara Falls, Fort Erie and St. Catharines got together Saturday to create 1,000 birthing kits to help provide clean, self-birthing environments for women in Third World countries.

Members convened at St. Andrew's United Church on Morrison Street in Niagara Falls. About 15 to 20 women put the kits together.

"It's a metre of plastic, plastic gloves, gauze, umbilical tape, soap, and a razor. They all go into a plastic baggy, and they're sent overseas," said Wendy MacPherson, a member of the Niagara Falls Zonta club.

"Last year they went to a number of different countries in Africa. Basically they're given to women so that they don't have to have babies on the ground, they've got a sterile place to have their child.

"They have all of the utensils that they would need without, obviously, being in the hospital. It saves the mother's life, it saves the child's life.

Zonta International began in 1919 in Buffalo, said Kathy Smith, a member of the Fort Erie Zonta club.

"It began with a small group of

women, and soon spread to others," she said.

"Basically, we're professionals and executives that get together and do projects locally and internationally to empower women. Research says if you empower a woman and you give them the skills for a job, it will help the entire family."

Smith said the birthing kits project, which the Niagara clubs have done for about the last seven years, is something members heard about during an international convention.

"This was a project that ... the Australian clubs, which is part of our district, and they came back very enthused about this project, and how we can help women, and (provide) safe, clean environments for babies," she said.

"It kind of took off like wildfire, so we got involved, learned about it. We had a little bit of a workshop on ... what to do, and from there it became a district project, and has been adopted by all of the clubs."

Smith said the kits are given to an organization out of St. Catharines called Not Just Tourists.



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Propagation Ban and Sampling of Plants Susceptible to Plum Pox Virus

Between May and October 2016, the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) will be inspecting selected rural and residential properties in the Niagara Region, to sample susceptible trees for the Plum Pox Virus and/or to verify compliance with the propagation ban that is in place. This means that property owners may see CFIA inspectors on their property.

The Niagara Region is currently under federal quarantine. Regulations are in place to prevent the spread of plum pox virus outside of the quarantine area. Plum Pox Virus is a serious plant disease that threatens Canada's stone fruit industry. It does not affect human or animal health.

Plants that are susceptible to the virus include apricot, nectarine, peach and, plum trees, and some ornamental shrubs such as purpleleaf sandcherry.

A ban on propagation is in place. This ban prohibits anyone in the Niagara quarantine area from producing trees and plants that are susceptible to the virus. This includes producing trees and plants from seed, cuttings, grafting or any other method.

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Zonta Club 'always looking for positive things for women'

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"Dr. Ken Taylor and his wife, Denise, head that organization, and they distribute the kits," she said.

The organization collects donations of surplus medicines and supplies, and provides them to countries in need.

"The best part for us is we get feedback," said Smith. "We get pictures and thank yous from these areas about how they receive (the birthing kits), how they're being used, and they're asking for more. They are really valuing them."

MacPherson said the Zonta clubs are always looking to promote "positive things for women" in terms

of education and health.

"There's lots of times you can just raise money and send money, but this is a hands-on thing that we can do that also provides for the sterile births of young (children)."

Louise Rolfe, a member of the Niagara Falls Zonta club, was one of the women who put the birthing kits together.

"I want to help the women in developing countries who are giving birth in difficult circumstances, and help to reduce the mortality rate during birth," she said.

"It generally takes us about four hours to do 1,000. We generally reach our goal."

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Deal with province spurs track's hopes

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Optimism and excitement has replaced pessimism and uncertainty at the Fort Erie Race Track.

Horse owners and trainers are setting up shop at the Catherine Street venue for the 119th season, which starts May 31 and will include 40 days of live racing.

They were buoyed over the winter by the provincial government's two-year contract extension with the track, securing its future until at least 2021.

"We got five more years from now. Hopefully,

somewhere along the line we get more days and get more money, so we can afford to go longer," said Harry Eder, co-ordinator of horsemen's relations with the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium.

The consortium is the not-for-profit group that operates the track.

"It's not like before. Every year it was like, 'Uh oh, are we coming back?' Now we know we're coming back for the next five years.

"It's going to entice more people to get back into breeding again, and hopefully we can attract more horses here."

The track's future was uncertain after the provincial government yanked the slots out of the property — along

with more than 200 jobs — in 2012 as part of its modernization of the gaming industry in Ontario.

Many feared the closure of the slots would deliver a death knell to the historic border oval, but the province negotiated agreements with Fort Erie, as well as other tracks, to ensure the industry's future.

And if the most recent past is any indicator for what's to come in the future, brighter days could be ahead for the Fort Erie Race Track.

Numbers in 2015 indicated the track is thriving and its business is growing.

"We had nine race days last year where more than \$1 million was bet, which was great for us, and we hope to do the same this year, or better," said Eder.

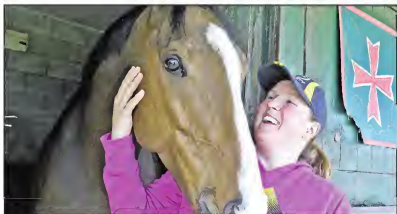
"It tells us that people are interested in our product. Our Tuesday nights are our real big nights here. We have the Tiki Bar and we have live entertainment afterwards, and it just seems to draw the Toronto crowd down here."

More than 100 horses were stabled on the grounds after the animals started to ship in on April 28.

Jackie Eder, Fort Erie's racing secretary, said she was pleased by the early results and noted most of the horses on the grounds were fit and ready to race.

"Knowing that there will be racing at Fort Erie has instilled a high level of confidence on the part of Fort Erie owners and trainers," she said.

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MIKE DIBATTISTA/POSTMEDIA NETWORK

Sarah Collicutt is one of the many trainers at Fort Erie Race Track preparing for the 119th season. The 40-day race season is scheduled to begin May 31.

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Trainers such as Kevin Buttigieg and his wife, Sarah Collicutt, shipped down to Mahoning Downs in Ohio to race over the winter.

"We work together as a team training race horses," said Collicutt. "We have eight in training right now, and I exercise them, and groom them, and ... he trains them. It's a good family affair."

Buttigieg said he expects each horse will race once every three to four weeks in Fort Erie.

"You always want to do good. In horse racing, if you're winning one in five, you're

doing really good, so if we can stay somewhere in that area, that would be great," he said. Buttigieg said having the government committed to helping the industry instills confidence in the horsemen.

"Hopefully people will bring more horses. I usually start off with three or four, and I'm starting with eight, so if people do the same thing, we could only go forward," he said.

"There's more stability, so it puts people at rest. We're still light, but it looks like it might get better. Woodbine is running a lot of horses that should be here soon."

Live racing is scheduled to

kick off on Tuesday, May 31 with the return of the popular 4:35 p.m. twilight post time, followed by the Tiki Bar's summer concert series.

Fort Erie will host 40 race dates from May 31 to Oct. 18 on Tuesdays and Sundays. The track's events schedule features the return of popular promotions such as the Farmer's Market, Breakfast Club, Circle the Course for Cancer Research and Community Outreach Program Erie, and the 8th running of the Prince of Wales Stakes on July 26.

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Peacock School of Dance receives top marks



PAW HENGLER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

The Peacock School of Dance competed in the Port Colborne Festival of the Arts Competition at Lakeshore Catholic High School on April 27 and came home with top marks. The dance school's dancers were awarded with 14 Gold Excellence medals in addition to three gold and four silver medals. The awards included best choreography, creative concept, highest score for junior tap or jazz solo, senior ballet, lyrical or pointe solo, senior tap or jazz solo, junior small group tap or jazz and medium group any category. A special thanks to teachers Melissa VanDoch, Lynda VanDochel, Laura McCooney, Cathy Duncan, Rebecca Baker, Derene Venturini, and Bianca Kozlowski. From left, are dancers Sinead Thomas, Emmalynn Schroeder, Kayla Brown, Maci Wood, Carley Brewster, Emma Gmoser and Alyssa Thebaud. Peacock School of Dance will hold its annual three-day recital at Lakeshore Catholic High School in Port Colborne on May 27, 28 and 29.

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Despite home field advantage, Cannons lose opener to Niagara Falls



AUSTIN GOODER/SPECIAL TO THE FORT ERIE TIMES

Fort Erie Cannons Starter Ryan Soltesz delivers a pitch to the Niagara Falls Expos' leadoff hitter during the team's first game of the season at Oakes Park last Friday.

AUSTIN GOODER

Special to the Fort Erie Times

Strong starting pitching wasn't enough for the Fort Erie Cannons to capture their first win of the season in the Niagara District Baseball Association Senior Men's League.

The Cannons held their home opener Friday and lost 17-5 to the Niagara Falls Expos.

The Cannons fell behind early in the game after young starter Ryan Soltesz surrendered a first inning grand slam that was set up by an error from first baseman Nick Weglarz.

Soltesz settled in over the next four innings, surrendering only one additional run and striking out five in total.

The game was blown open when relievers took over for Soltesz. After Soltesz walked two runners to open the sixth inning, Cannons manager Justin Hall pulled the starter and went to a series of relievers who combined to surrender 12 runs through the sixth and seventh innings.

It was cold night for the Cannons' bats, too.

A team that normally scored a dearth of runs, the Cannons seemed to flounder early as they stranded several base runners through the first three innings.

They broke out in the fourth when they scored four runs, but they were held off the scoreboard over the course of the rest of the game.

Cannons General Manager Clayton Hall said the cold, combined with early season jitters, led to the slow start.

"Hey, those players don't want to be doing this, just like how we don't want to be sitting here," Hall said of the cold.

"It's a long year. We're a good club," he continued.

The Cannons' best hitter of the night was left-fielder Adam Fowler with two singles and a run batted in.

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These guys know that this game is always full of surprises. The event was a boat-own open handicap event and only 11 managed to do just that.

Also, as usual, the par 3 seventh hole was again the special attraction and closest to the pin was won by Ron Winger.

The 50/50 was won by Dennis Bailey. Number six was the

hidden hole for extra points and amazingly eleven golfers managed a birdie.

The shot of the day was completed by Art Drower who had a drive well over 270 yards on the first hole, landing in the middle of the fairway. Unfortunately it landed in the middle of the ninth fairway.

This week, the golfers will switch things up and play a bingo, bango, bongo event. Coming up on May 27, the league will honour Walter Pearce, a member who recently hung up the clubs and retired from the game at the age of 96.

Sports Briefs

Niagara District Senior Men's Baseball

Fort Erie Cannons vs. Niagara Falls Juniors at Oakes Park, Wednesday, May 18, 7:30 p.m.; Cannons vs. Welland Chiefs at Welland Stadium, Wednesday, May 25, 7:30 p.m.; Cannons vs. Rose City Thorns, Welland Stadium, Sunday, May 29, 7 p.m.; Cannons vs. Merriton Alliance, Oakes Park, Wednesday, June 1, 7:30 p.m.



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STRADER, Arthur - At the Greater Niagara General Hospital on May 16, 2016 at the age of 73. Dear brother of Carolan (Rick) Danielski and Dianne McPhee (Lloyd Elliott). Cherished uncle of Terri Danielski. Arthur will be sadly missed by his dear friend Gail. Arthur is predeceased by his parents Art and Doreen Whitehead, and by his brother Gerry Strader. Arthur has rejoined his beloved son Allan. Private arrangements with cremation have taken place. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society. Memories, photos and condolences may be shared at www.morseandson.com



SMALLDON, Robert Wayne - Died at home May 13, 2016 surrounded by his loved ones at age 69. His passing was from a rare lung disease PAH. He is survived by his wife Val (Anderson) Smaldon, daughter Eric Smaldon, her fiancé Dustin DeLange, his daughter Meadow, his brother Jack Smaldon and wife Susan (Bythell), his sisters-in-law Sharon (Tom Brownhill), Debbie (Grant Wilson), Wendy Anderson-Manson and brother-in-law Larry Anderson (Linda Boudreau), their children and grandchildren. Wayne worked for Canada Customs for 35 years and was in Theatre, and performed his most memorable role as the cowardly Lion in the Wizard of Oz in Quebec where he resided for 23 years and in Port Colborne. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Hamilton General (<http://hamiltonhealth.ca>) or PAH Charity of Canada online (<http://www.pahcanada.ca>) or phone 1-877-774-2226. Many thanks to Dr Davis and his team that kept him going and Dr Scher and his team for his final care. Visitation will be at St Paul's Anglican Church 32 Idylwyld St, Fort Erie, Monday May 23, from 9:30-10:30 with service at 11AM. After the church service refreshments will be served in the hall with a video eulogy by Wayne. Parking right to the end. Arrangements entrusted to **NIAGARA FUNERAL ALTERNATIVES**, 905-894-0120.

HARTMAN, Margaret (nee Parson) - Margaret passed away on May 14th, 2016 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 88. Beloved wife of the late James Arthur. Dear mother of William "Bill" Hartman (Diane) of Stevensville, Deb Leas (Paul) and Bev Blair (Dan) all of Fort Erie. Beloved grandmother of Jillian (James), Scott (Michelle), Kati (Greg), Dayna (Will) and Bryan (Jackie). Great-grandmother of 11. Also survived by her brother Howard Parson, many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her grandson Kevin Hartman, great grandson Titus Grelowski and her brother Murray. Margaret was a dedicated wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother who placed her family above all. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner St., Fort Erie, has been entrusted with funeral arrangements. Cremation has taken place. A family service with close friends will be held on Wednesday May 18th at 11 am at St. John's Stevensville United Church, 14769 Sodom Rd., Stevensville, ON. Entombment of the cremated remains will follow at McAffee Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations to the One Foundation to benefit the Fort Erie Palliative Care or to the Canadian Cancer Research Institute would be appreciated by the family.

DEBEAU, Gerald Kenneth "Jake" - Passed away peacefully on Saturday, May 14, 2016 at the Douglas Memorial Hospital at the age of 81. Beloved husband of the late Marilyn (nee Wren) (2008). Dear father of Blair DeBeau (Tracy Biddle) and Scott DeBeau. Cherished grandfather of Gregory. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie have been entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place. Jake's family will receive friends at the funeral home on Wednesday, May 18th from 5-8 p.m. A memorial service to celebrate Jake's life will be held at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 32 Idylwyld St., Fort Erie, on Thursday, May 19th at 1 o'clock. Entombment will follow in the church cemetery. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to the Canadian Cancer Society.

BENNER, Lawrence Earl - Passed away at Niagara Health System - St. Catharines Site, on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, in his 75th year. Beloved husband of Darlene for 52 years. Loved father of Penny Adzija (Robert) and Mike Benner (Elaine). Cherished grandfather of Jared, Hailey, Mikayla, Liam and Ayva. Predeceased by his parents Dorothy and Earl and by his brother Joe Furry. Larry was a devoted environmentalist, an avid photographer and a true people person. A special thanks to Dr's Nagar, Sawula, Mattar and the ICU Staff at Niagara Health System - St. Catharines site. Cremation has taken place. A memorial gathering took place at his daughter's home, 28 Cremona Boulevard, Wexona, on Sunday, May 15, 2016, from noon to 4 p.m. If desired, memorial contributions to the Kidney Foundation or the One Foundation for Niagara Health System would be sincerely appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to **STONEHOUSE-WHITCOMB FUNERAL HOME, GRIMSBY**, 905-945-2755. www.smithsfm.com

BERRY, James William - Passed away at Greater Niagara General Hospital, Niagara Falls, Ontario on May 9th, 2016. Loving father of Carl Berry and Leigh-Ann Crawford and proud grandfather of Kaitlin and Summer. Sadly missed by niece Julie (Paul) Renshaw and nephew David (Dawn) Mathewson. Predeceased by sister Marjorie Mathewson. **BENNER FUNERAL SERVICES**, 1105 Benner Ave., Fort Erie entrusted with arrangements. Cremation has taken place. A graveside service will take place on June 21st at 1 o'clock at Greenwood Cemetery.

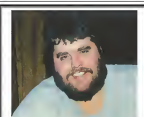


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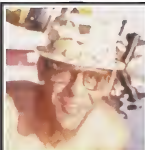
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